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HURRICANE ANIMAL HOSPITAL EXPANDS CARE

HURRICANE, W.Va. - Hurricane Animal Hospital owner and veterinarian Dr. Shawn D. Sette completed training in orthopedic surgery and offers several new procedures at the hospital.

Hurricane Animal Hospital provides veterinary care for cats, dogs, ferrets, rabbits and other small animals. The hospital serves clients from the immediate vicinity of Hurricane and Teays Valley, but some clients come from as far away as Charleston, Elkview and Huntington.

The new procedures offered include:

- **Bone plating – Placing a stainless steel or titanium plate on a bone fracture for repair**
- **Cruciate repair – Replacing a torn knee ligament with a synthetic band, which supports bone attachment when the knee moves and bears weight**
- **Patellar luxation repair – Deepening the natural groove in the knee to prevent the knee cap from dislocating when the pet walks**
- **Internal and external fixators – Using stainless steel pins and wire to repair bone fractures**

To support new orthopedic cases, the hospital applied for a Small Business Work Force training grant to help registered veterinary technician Candace Milam achieve certification in canine rehabilitation.

Small Business Work Force, a program of the Small Business Development Center, helps businesses adapt to rapid technological changes, new demographic trends, global competition and the need for new and enhanced skills for workers and employers. Employer-driven, the grants address the distinct training needs of each small business applicant.

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Hurricane Animal Hospital enrolled Milam in the certificate program in canine rehabilitation through Northeast Seminars at the University of Tennessee. The program is a sequence of postgraduate courses followed by supervised clinical experience and a cumulative exam. Participants must be veterinarians, physical therapists, physical therapy assistants or veterinary technicians.



Candace Milam and "friend" enjoy a moment at the Hurricane Animal Hospital. *Photo Courtesy of J. Alex Wilson/WV Development Office*

The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Department of Physical Therapy cooperatively oversee the program curriculum.

For more information on the Hurricane Animal Hospital, call (304)

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www.hurricaneanimalhospital.com. For information on Small Business Work

Force training grants, contact the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at (888) 982-7232 or visit www.sbdcwv.org.

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